

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention is directed to parenterally-administrable microparticles
for providing sustained-release of a therapeutic agent in the body, where the
microparticles include a polymeric core containing a therapeutically effective
amount of a therapeutic agent disposed therein, a first film encapsulating the core,
the first film prepared from a first biodegradable polymer soluble in an appropriate
solvent therefore, and a second film encapsulating the core and the first film, the
10 second film prepared from a biodegradable polymer soluble in an appropriate
solvent therefore, wherein the first film is insoluble in the solvent used to prepare
the second film, and to parenterally-administrable compositions containing such
microparticles dispersed in a suitable carrier therefore.